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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent-literature documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English-language documents:

JP 11-119875, JP 06-012144 A, JP 2000-284858 A, and JP 2000-322185 A are cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office mailed October 31, 2006, in a counterpart foreign application ("Japanese Office Action"). An English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed. The relevance of JP 06-012144 A, JP 2000-284858 A, and JP 2000-322185 A is discussed in the Japanese Office Action. English-language Abstracts of the Japanese patent documents are also enclosed.

The Japanese Office Action also cites and discusses JP 10-31571. However, Applicant does not list that document on the attached listing or provide a copy since it was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 29, 2003.

With respect to JP 11-119875, Applicant notes that its counterpart U.S. Patent No. 6,252,511 was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 15, 2005.

Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

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